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H.B. No. 1535

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibition of certain pesticides on public road rights-of-way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 76.101, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The department, by appropriate means under this chapter, shall prohibit the application of a neonicotinoid pesticide to the right-of-way of a public road or highway.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agriculture shall implement Section 76.101(e), Agriculture Code, as added by this Act, not later than the 90th day after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.